

VIDEO CONFERENCE SYSTEM

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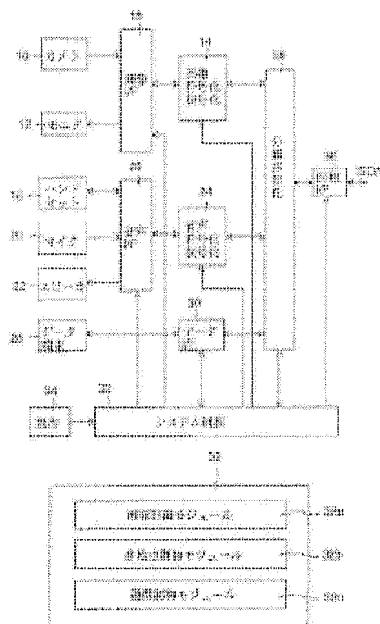
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PURPOSE: To attain smooth operation of a conference by devising the system such that a voice signal of a terminal equipment approved of an utterance right by a chair man is heard by conference participants but a voice signal of a terminal equipment whose utterance right is not approved by the chair man is not heard by the conference participants so as to avoid duplication in voice utterance. **CONSTITUTION:** Upon the receipt of an utterance allowance primitive from a screen control module 32a, an utterance inhibit message is sent to a member whose utterance is at present allowed via a communication control module 32c. Then an utterance permission message is sent to a member whose utterance is allowed via the module 32c. When a user clocks a 'Yes' button on a chair man right request dialog, a chair man right movement primitive is informed to a multi-point control module 32b and switch a mode of the module 32a into the member mode thereby revising display on an image monitor 12 from chair man display into member display. A voice of a terminal equipment receiving an utterance right by the chair man is heard by the conference participants but a voice of a terminal equipment whose utterance right is not approved by the chair man is not heard by the conference participants.



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